Flood warning

Liard River – Upper Liard

June 9, 2022 4 pm

Current conditions

The Liard River at Upper Crossing is currently above the 10-year return period water level* and stable. Although some tributaries had begun to decline, several has stabilized in response to rain in the last 24 hours.

Weather forecast

Unsettled weather and below seasonal temperatures are forecast for the next seven days. Over the next three days 10-20 mm of rain are forecast for the Liard Basin with possible localized amounts above 20 mm.

Water level forecast

The Liard River is expected to remain stable or decline over the next 12-24 hours before rising again in response to rainfall inputs. The peak is currently expected to occur on June 11 or 12 and has the potential to be as high as 1.1 m above the current level and similar to the 2012 flood of record.

Flood and travel advice

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period. Flood prone property owners are advised to have a plan in place in the event of a flood. See Yukon.ca/floods for more information.

We will continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates as conditions change.

Advisory and warning levels

- **High streamflow or water advisory:** Lake levels or river flows or levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.
- **Flood watch:** River or lake levels are rising and will approach or may exceed banks. Areas beside affected rivers and lakes may flood.
- **Flood warning:** River or lake levels have exceeded or will exceed banks or flood stage very soon. Areas beside affected rivers and lakes will flood.

Contact

Flood response: Yukon Emergency Measures Organization, 867-667-5220 or emo.yukon@yukon.ca

* Return period refers to the expected frequency at which a specific level or flow will be exceeded based on statistical analysis of historic records. For example, the 100-year return period is expected to be exceeded once every 100 years on average, but has a 1% chance of being equalled or exceeded in any year.